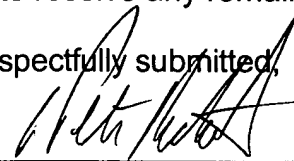


**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to correct obvious informalities. None of the amendments were made for patentability purposes. It is believed that the present claims are in condition to be allowed. The undersigned attorney can be reached at (312) 321-4276 to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



---

G. Peter Nichols  
Registration No. 34,401

BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE  
P.O. BOX 10395  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610  
(312) 321-4200